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FOR MAYNES FROM AMBASSADOR WELLS

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TAGS: OCON, ECOSOC
SUBJECT: SUMMER ECOSOC: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SPEECH

REF: A) YOUNG/MAYNES TELCON, B) STATE 169826

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS REVIEWED SPEECH DRAFT AND AGREES THAT IT SHOULD BEGIN WITH A MORE GENERAL CONCEPTUAL STATEMENT. TEXT DRAWN LARGELY FROM PRESIDENT'S CARACAS SPEECH IS PROVIDED IN PARA 4 BELOW. YOU WILL NOT REFERENCE TO CARTER/MANLEY/PEREZ CONVERSATION AND TO BONN SUMMIT, WHICH ALREADY MENTIONED IN FRG AND OTHER SPEECHES.

2. IN ADDITION, THERE IS AN ELABORATION ON OUR STRESS ON FOOD AS SUBJECT FOR NEXT OVERVIEW MEETING IN PARA 5. OTHERWISE WE PLAN TO PUT FORWARD OUR OVERVIEW PROPOSAL BASICALLY AS IS. SWEDES ARE PROPOSING THEIRS THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AND JAPANESE ON MONDAY.

3. WE WILL ALSO ADD MATERIAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND (IF A RESOLUTION STILL SEEMS NECESSARY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH RIPERT) ON NETWORK FOR EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION. REPEATING OF SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION RESERVATIONS HERE DOES NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE, BUT CAN BE DONE IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DEBATE ON ITEM 11, DEVELOPMENT AND
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INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

4. TEXT TO BE INSERTED IN 3RD PARA OF TEXT, AFTER PHRASE "PROCEED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE", AND INCLUDING NEW LEAD IN TO LANGUAGE FOLLOWING: QUOTE: THE BACKGROUND OF SUCH A DISCUSSION MUST OF COURSE BE THE ECONOMIC REALITIES OF TODAY, AND OUR VISION FOR TOMORROW. THE

WORLD ECONOMIC SURVEY, WHICH WE HAVE AMONG OUR DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION NOTES "WIDESPREAD UNCERTAINTY AND UNEASE" ABOUT THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. THIS UNEASE EXISTS IN ALL OF OUR COUNTRIES; WE WRESTLE WITH PROBLEMS OF OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, OF HESITANT GROWTH AND UNEMPLOYMENT; CALLS FOR PROTECTIONISM INCREASE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES JUST AS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEED TO EXPORT MORE TO MEET CURRENT NEEDS AND HEAVY DEBT BURDENS. INFLATION PURSUES ALL OF US IMPLACABLY.

I NEED NOT GO ON ABOUT THIS NEGATIVE SIDE OF THE LEDGER. NOR WILL I POINT TO THOSE POSITIVE ELEMENTS SUCH AS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN RESOURCE FLOWS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, OR THE EFFORTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN RESISTING PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES - WHICH HAVE PREVENTED THE SITUATION FROM BECOMING FAR WORSE. SUCH ANALYSES ARE INDEED NECESSARY FOR US TO MAKE TOGETHER - AND I BELIEVE THE DISCUSSIONS UNDER AGENDA ITEM I OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ADDED TO INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS. MORE IMPORTANT, THOUGH, ARE THE CONCLUSIONS WE DRAW FROM SUCH REFLECTIONS ON THE PRESENT AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST. THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE, TO MY MIND, IS THE RECOGNITION THAT INTERDEPENDENCE IS NOT A PHRASE, OR A MATTER OF POLITICAL CHOICE, BUT A STATEMENT OF FACT. THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AFFECT ALL OF US, AND CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL, OR WITHOUT REGARD FOR

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THE INTERESTS OF ALL.

PUT MORE POSITIVELY, THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS, FOR THE REST OF THIS CENTURY, IS LINKED NOT ONLY TO ECONOMIC REVIVAL IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, BUT TO THE REALIZATION OF THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH THAT WE HAVE IN THIS WORLD - WHICH IS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT POTENTIAL IS OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO ALL OF US. IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON A BASIC OUTLINE OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH IT. PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS OF VENEZUELA, SPOKE OF FIVE STEPS WE NEEDED TO TAKE TOGETHER;

- INCREASING CAPITAL FLOW TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
- BUILDING A MORE FAIR AND MORE OPEN TRADING SYSTEM
- MODERATING DISRUPTIVE PRICE MOVEMENTS
- DEVELOPING AND CONSERVING ENERGY SOURCES
- STRENGTHENING THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITIES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

I STRESS THE WORDS "TAKE TOGETHER" FOR EACH OF THESE FIVE ELEMENTS ENTAILS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE ARE, AFTER ALL, WORKING TO FACILITATE MAJOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY. THESE CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH

RHETORIC; THEY CANNOT BE FORCED BY DIPLOMATS, OR EVEN LEADERS, UPON PEOPLE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THEM. THEY MUST BE BASED ON MUTUAL INTEREST; THESE CHANGES MUST COME FROM EXAMINING WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER, BEING FLEXIBLE ABOUT OLD POSITIONS AND PROGRAMS, AND BRINGING A MAXIMUM OF IMAGINATION TO THE SEARCH FOR NEW SOLUTIONS.

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FOR MAYNES FROM AMBASSADOR WELLS

MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD PLEDGE TO YOU, AND TO ALL HERE PRESENT, MY OWN GOVERNMENT'S FIRM INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EFFORT. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY OF JAMAICA, AND PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO PANAMA. ON THE BASIS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, AND OF INTENSIVE STUDY UNDER WAY IN WASHINGTON, HE WILL BE GOING TO THE BONN SUMMIT MEETING OF THE LEADERS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES THIS MONTH PREPARED TO DISCUSS CONCRETE STEPS WHICH CAN BE TAKEN TO JOIN WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SEEKING COMMON SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH FACE US.

HERE IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO CONSTANTLY IMPROVE THE MECHANISM AVAILABLE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THE SEARCH SOLUTIONS TO DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. I WOULD LIKE TO TURN NOW TO EFFORTS MADE TO ENHANCE THESE CAPACITIES IN FOUR DIFFERENT WAYS; IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THROUGH OUR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, IN PREPARING FOR THE U.N. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND BY RESTRUCTURING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE U.N.

SYSTEM. UNQUOTE. RESUME TEXT WITH "MR. PRESIDENT, WHEN
THE COUNCIL MET..."

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5. IN PENULTIMATE PARA OF DISCUSSION OF OVERVIEW,
BEGINNING "THIS IS A HUMAN PROBLEM", STRIKE LAST
SENTENCE AND ADD: QUOTE: OR, ONE MAY WELL ASK, BASED
ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE EARLY 1970'S - HOW ONE CAN
HOPE TO CONQUER INFLATION WITHOUT ELIMINATING THE THREAT
OF CRITICAL FOOD SHORTAGES AND THE MAJOR PRICE INCREASES
WHICH ACCOMPANY THEM? FOOD SECURITY - A STEADY SUPPLY
OF FOOD FOR ALL, AND AT REASONABLE PRICES, IS IN THE
INTEREST OF EVERYONE. THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR SUCH
FOOD SECURITY LIES IN EXPANDING FOOD PRODUCTION IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT IS A MATTER OF SIMPLE ECONOMICS
THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN PROVIDE THE GREATEST
MARGINAL RETURNS ON THE UTILIZATION OF SCARCE INPUTS -
OIL PRODUCTS FROM FERTILIZERS TO GASOLINE - AND HENCE
MAKE THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOLVING AN AGE-OLD
PROBLEM. THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO MAKE A MAXIMUM
CONTRIBUTION IN THIS AREA. IN THE COMING WEEKS,
PRESIDENT CARTER WILL ANNOUNCE THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL
PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON WORLD HUNGER, WHICH WILL TAKE
ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF FOOD SECURITY. THE
APPOINTMENT OF MR. SOL LINOWITZ, ONE OF THE NEGOTIATORS
OF THE NEWLY RATIFIED PANAMA CANAL TREATY, TO HEAD THE
COMMISSION IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT REAL RESULTS ARE
EXPECTED OF THIS NEW BODY. UNQUOTE.

NOTE: REFERENCE TO PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON HUNGER
CLEARED IN YOUNG/BOURNE TELCON.

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